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## **Top DEP Stories**

Sunbury Daily Item: New program aims to recover, redistribute food

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## **Mentions**

The Derrick: PUC considers Aqua temporarily taking over 6 water systems

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Penn State News: SustainPSU and Pa. GreenGov Council offer sixth annual monthly webinar series

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## **Air**

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## **Climate Change**

Lancaster Farming: Farmers See Oats Surviving Over Winter as Average Temperatures Climb

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## **Conservation and Recreation**

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<https://www.inquirer.com/weather/aurora-northern-lights-philadelphia-geomagnetic-storm-20241009.html>

Daily American: DCNR accepting nominations for Pennsylvania's 2025 Trail of the Year  
<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2024/10/10/what-trail-will-you-nominate-for-pennsylvania-trail-of-the-year/75574683007/>

Clearfield Progress-News: 2025 River of the Year nominations open  
[https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/2025-river-of-the-year-nominations-open/article\\_08a738ce-85a5-11ef-9ddc-1b1f2ee04a28.html](https://www.theprogressnews.com/news/state/2025-river-of-the-year-nominations-open/article_08a738ce-85a5-11ef-9ddc-1b1f2ee04a28.html)

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WHYY: Schools in Pa. and N.J. are getting money for electric school buses  
<https://whyy.org/articles/electric-school-buses-funding-pennsylvania-new-jersey/>

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<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/mcginnis-americans-should-hope-vineyard-wind-isnt-a-preview-of-coming-attractions/>

Post-Gazette: Officials warn Florida residents: Move EVs away from possible storm flooding areas  
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/pittsburgh-company-news/2024/10/09/electric-vehicle-milton-lithium-battery-fire/stories/202410100044>

Beaver County Radio: AAA hosting battery and electrical system checks  
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Allegheny Front: Farmer support for solar leasing depends on compatibility with rural values  
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/rural-support-solar-leasing-farmers-pennsylvania-maryland/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2024/10/10/harris-obama-fracking-regulation-ban-perry-county-kentucky/stories/202410090009>

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## **Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields**

LehighValleyNews.com: Easton council approves \$1.5M sale agreement for old Easton Iron and Metal site

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## **Oil and Gas**

Indiana Gazette: EPA reaches \$4.2M settlement over 2019 explosion and fire at a Philadelphia refinery  
[https://www.indianagazette.com/news/epa-reaches-4-2m-settlement-over-2019-explosion-and-fire-at-a-philadelphia-refinery/article\\_3c05cfde-82bb-58b3-b4aa-8ae0296aff99.html](https://www.indianagazette.com/news/epa-reaches-4-2m-settlement-over-2019-explosion-and-fire-at-a-philadelphia-refinery/article_3c05cfde-82bb-58b3-b4aa-8ae0296aff99.html)

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<https://www.phillyvoice.com/flood-barrier-eastwick-southwest-philly-cobbs-creek-levee/>

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<https://delawarecurrents.org/2024/10/08/delaware-riverkeeper-sues-epa/>

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